

THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

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1. New class of Soviet submarines sighted.

Four large, identical Soviet boats of a new class have been sighted [redacted] 50X1 in the Sea of Japan. Judging from the engine sounds detected and the absence of diesel smoke, they are very probably nuclear-powered. Each boat is equipped with six launching tubes, apparently for cruise-type missiles. [redacted] 50X1

[redacted] Prior to these sightings 50X1 the known inventory of Soviet nuclear submarines was 12. [redacted] 50X1

2. Laos

US representatives in Laos are accepting the government's announcement yesterday that its post at Muong Sing 50X1 in northwestern Laos has fallen to rebel forces. The government had only a handful of troops there [redacted] bu 50X1 has been using the town as a resupply point for its large garrison at Nam Tha. Vientiane is playing the event in fairly low key, but it could, nevertheless, shake Phoumi in his tentative groping toward new talks with Souvanna. In Paris, meanwhile, Souvanna is still taking a polite but "tell-me-more" attitude toward Phoumi's offer on resumption.

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3. Congo

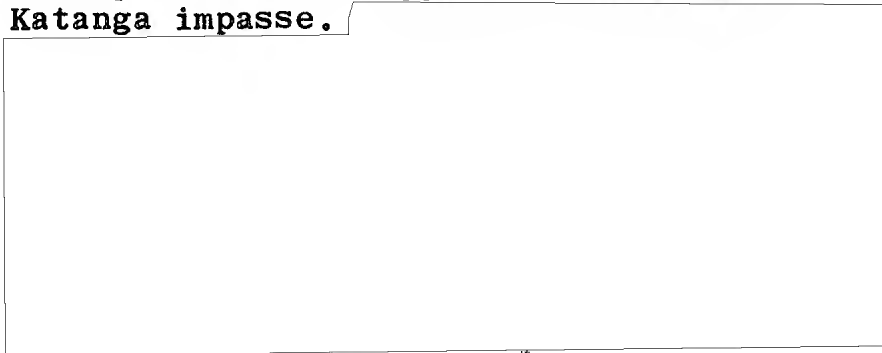


a. Tshombé's return to Leopoldville is still being held up as the UN's Gardiner, anxious for the next round of talks to get off on a decent footing, tries to come to some general understanding with him. The question of how revenues are to be divided between Leopoldville and Katanga is for now the biggest stumbling-block.

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b. The Indians are showing a blend of impatience and apprehension with the Katanga impasse.

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4. Spaak wants early decision from London on EEC terms



As much as he has advocated bringing the British into the Community, Spaak now feels that they will have to fish or cut bait on the Commonwealth question soon or risk losing out. If Spaak has his way, foreign ministers of the Six, who will have an opportunity for discussions in Athens, should ask London whether it insists on a permanent privileged trading position for Commonwealth members or is willing to agree to temporary preferences on specific products for a fixed transitional period.

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- A. Common antagonism toward India produced yesterday's announcement by Communist China and Pakistan that they have agreed to negotiate on frontier delimitation in northwest Kashmir. New Delhi, in the meantime, reports receiving another tough note from Peiping. [REDACTED] 50X1
- B. The Italian Parliament is still balloting on a new president. Foreign Minister Segni has continued to run ahead but has fallen short of the necessary plurality. Unless there is a break in the deadlock, the legislature may decide to renew Grönchi's term of office. [REDACTED] 50X1
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- D. Disunity among the Latin Americans at the UN carries the threat of a permanent impairment of their functioning as a pro-US bloc. Usually meeting twice a month, they have held no caucus for seven weeks because Bolivia, Mexico, and Brazil insist that Cuba be included. [REDACTED] 50X1
- E. The Japanese, with an eye on parliamentary elections next July, are beginning to press for a broader scope for the upcoming negotiations on the Ryukyus. They say they want to go beyond discussion of economic assistance to take up points (i.e., Japanese flags on Okinawan vessels) which would accent their "residual sovereignty." [REDACTED] 50X6

F. Chancellor Gorbach had a visit to France already scheduled for the last week in June when Moscow announced that he would visit there in the same period. Foreign Minister Kreisky sees this as another example of Gorbach's overeagerness to accommodate Moscow, and De Gaulle's reaction is not hard to imagine.

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H. The press has picked up rumors of Nasir's assassination which have been swirling around the Middle East for several days. Our Embassy in Cairo believes the reports, noting that Nasir saw Dr. Joseph Johnson for two hours on Tuesday.

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